

Congress, is unable to meet its end of a good-faith agreement with State leaders fully expecting to be reimbursed and not having to “take it out of hide,” which is what the National Guard is being asked to do now.

To put it simply, guardsmen—and I hear from them every single day—are in absolute disbelief that after all they have done this last year, answering our Nation’s call, this is how they are being treated.

Madam Speaker, today is July 21. We have 11 days. We must take immediate action. I urge all of us in Congress to swiftly come to an agreement on an appropriations emergency bill that includes full reimbursement of \$521 million for our National Guard by August 1. That is the least we can do for our citizen soldiers and their families who are always ready and always there.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CHARLES “CHUCK” POETTCKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Charles “Chuck” Poettcker who passed away suddenly on Saturday.

I had the honor of calling Chuck a friend. And I know that he is leaving a legacy that has impacted so many.

A U.S. Army veteran, Chuck served in the 101st Airborne Division stationed at Camp Evans in South Vietnam. At just 20 years old, he and his unit were given orders for a rescue mission in Laos. They were tasked with rescuing two door gunners and recovering the bodies of a downed helicopter pilot and co-pilot. Because of his heroic actions during the mission and journey back to safety, Chuck was awarded the U.S. Army Bronze Star.

A man of faith, Chuck prayed that if he made it out alive, he would dedicate his life to building something of value for others. He did just that.

He returned home and began a career as an apprentice carpenter, taking night classes in construction management at what is now the Southwestern Illinois College. He went on and founded Poettcker Construction, leading the company for 41 years. Today, the company employs over 200 families across 26 States.

He was also committed to his community and giving back to the Metro East area there in southern Illinois through numerous charities.

Madam Speaker, my prayers go out to Chuck’s wife, Linda, and his family and many friends during this difficult time.

SUPPORTING APPRENTICESHIPS FOR VETERANS

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I also rise today to talk about the fact that when I ran Bost Trucking company for 10 years, many of our hardest workers and most trusted employees shared something in common. They were veterans.

The military teaches servicemembers invaluable skills, leadership, team-

work, and dedication to compete and complete the missions that they are assigned. But many veterans are facing challenges in finding work after COVID-19 shutdowns. That is why I have introduced the Veterans’ Agricultural Apprenticeship Act.

This bipartisan bill will help connect out-of-work veterans with farmers and ranchers who are in need of on-the-farm labor. It will help farmers and ranchers expand their operations while also offering the veterans new skills and career paths once they return home.

Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Florida (Mr. LAWSON) and our bipartisan group of 15 additional cosponsors for supporting this critically important bill. I hope that more of our colleagues will join us in helping advance a win-win solution to an ever-growing problem.

INVESTING IN RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. LUCAS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LUCAS. Madam Speaker, I stand today before this deliberative body to talk about the importance of rural infrastructure; more specifically, watershed and flood control infrastructure.

Our Nation’s watershed dams play a critical yet silent role in many of our daily lives. Across the Nation, watershed projects provide an estimated annual benefit of \$2.2 billion in reduced flood and erosion damage and improving wildlife, habitat, recreation, and water supply for more than 47 million people.

In my home State of Oklahoma alone, there are more than 2,000 watershed dam projects that help Oklahomans meet a myriad of public needs: public safety, water supply, soil health, and fish and wildlife management, just to name a few.

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In fact, the country’s first upstream flood control dam, Cloud Creek Site No. 1, was built right in the backyard of my district in Washita County. Built in 1948, following the passage of the Flood Control Act of 1944, the dam allowed for the preservation of farmland, wildlife, and several municipal services.

Fast forward to today, and many of our country’s 12,000 watershed dams have exceeded their designed lifespan. Like so much of the public infrastructure investments across this country, our watershed dams are aging and need to be upgraded to remain safe and continue to provide benefits for generations to come.

Seeing the need to rehabilitate many of our dams, in 2000 I authored the Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments which have provided important investments to help countless dams in need of repair.

After more than two decades of funding through the Small Watershed Re-

habilitation Amendments, more than \$900 million has been appropriated for rehabilitating aging dams. In the 2018 farm bill alone, we provided \$50 million per year in mandatory funding for watershed rehabilitation and management.

I am proud to mark the 20th anniversary of the Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments being signed into law this past year, but we must not delay the continued need to rehabilitate and repair other aging dams and water infrastructure. These silent sentinels are vital to public safety, economic prosperity, community viability and must not be allowed to fail.

We learned a lot of lessons 20 years ago in passing the dam rehabilitation bill. Now we must continue this mission as we debate and consider infrastructure legislation.

Madam Speaker, to aid in these efforts, I include in the RECORD the brought forth report at [damsafety.org \smallwatershed](http://damsafety.org/smallwatershed).

In closing, as Congress negotiates on how best to invest in our Nation’s infrastructure, we must continue to invest in the rehabilitation of these aging public works.

It is time to put the lessons of past appropriate investment to good use and build the capacity of a new generation to protect critical infrastructures for decades to come.

RECOGNIZING TIMOTHY J. BURKE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work and success of Timothy J. Burke, who retired from the Omaha Public Power District on July 2 after serving the company for 24 years. He began his career with OPPD in 1997 as vice president and in 2015 took over as the company’s 12th President and CEO.

During his time with OPPD, Tim faced some tough challenges, but with his tenacity and great leadership skills, he overcame them all.

Burke’s tenure as CEO will be remembered as one of transition. He made several decisions early on that set the future for OPPD. When he became the CEO, OPPD initiated utility-wide lean financial work to make the utility financially efficient and strong. Burke also made what he called the most difficult decision he ever made or had been involved with, recommending the closure of Fort Calhoun Nuclear Generating Station due to financial concerns and economies of scale at the country’s smallest nuclear plant.

In addition, under Burke, the company continued to achieve financial stability and 5 straight years of no general rate increase—which is amazing—which is now in its fifth year of no rate increases. Further, Burke’s time at OPPD included a transition to more renewable energy and the commitment to be a net zero-carbon emitter by 2050.

Throughout his career, Burke has remained active in local and industry organizations. His recent involvement includes the American Public Power Association, Large Public Power Council, Nebraska Power Association, the Business Ethics Alliance trustee, and the past chair and executive committee of the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce and United Way of the Midlands. He has also been heavily involved with Offutt Air Force Base and STRATCOM and has served as chair of the STRATCOM Consultation Committee. He is on the executive committee of the Offutt Air Force Base Advisory Council, and he has been a civic leader with the Air Force Chief of Staff and the Air Force Global Strike Command Civic Leader program.

I had 16 assignments in the Air Force and found the local community around Offutt to be the most supportive and welcoming of all, and Tim embodies that patriotic welcoming spirit to the fullest.

Family is extremely important to Tim. He and his wife, Terri, have three sons, five grandchildren, and a sixth grandbaby on the way.

Post retirement, Tim is looking forward to first spending more time with his family and then finding ways to keep himself busy in the local area. He has been heavily involved in the local area, and I am sure he will continue to do so, and we need him.

On top of all of this, one of Tim's passions is music, especially playing with his Irish pub band, the Shenanigans, with two of his sons. Burke is an exceptional leader and a skilled communicator and has served the Omaha area with honor and distinction.

We thank Tim for his time with OPPD and for keeping the power on for those living in southeast Nebraska.

HYDE AMENDMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MANN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong opposition to President Biden's budget proposal for its exclusion of the Hyde amendment, which for 45 years has protected Americans from forced financial complicity in abortion and abortion services.

When Congress passed the Hyde amendment in 1976, our country's lawmakers had the sense and decency to agree that if abortions were going to take place in this country, then at least dissenting Americans wouldn't get stuck with the bill. Forcing people to pay for the killing of babies with their tax dollars is unconscionable. That is why the Hyde amendment was passed.

Now, the President wants to revoke this protection, as if his \$6 trillion budget—which would blatantly require us to raise taxes or print money unto bankruptcy—wasn't already disastrous enough.

I believe that life begins at conception and that unborn children in our

country have a right to live. Every Member of Congress should, but one does not need to in order to support the Hyde amendment, which prohibits the Federal Government from forcing the American public to do something that we should never ask them to do: pay for abortions.

HUTCHINSON FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the First District's Hutchinson Community College football team on their National Junior College Athletic Association National Championship.

Earlier this month I spoke on this very floor about playing eight-man football in rural Kansas. I indicated there were clear winners and losers in the game. On June 5, 2021, the Blue Dragons finished the regular season as clear winners, undefeated, and ranked number one. On top of that, first year Head Coach Drew Dallas went on to be named the 2020 through 2021 NJCAA Football Coach of the Year.

This is the program's first national championship and third undefeated season. The talent, time, and effort that these student athletes put into playing football while obtaining a college education is remarkable.

Congratulations again to the Hutchinson Community College football team and to Coach Dallas.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY CAZILLO III

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KAHELE). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SMUCKER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Anthony Cazillo, III, who passed away last month at the young age of 26 years old.

Anthony made an exceptional impact in his short life in the lives that he touched and in the community that he lived. He served as a township supervisor in Pequea Township, Lancaster County, and he was running for reelection this year.

To serve in elected office at such a young age speaks to the life of service that Anthony lived and the passion that he had for improving his community. One of Anthony's goals as a supervisor was to "make Pequea Township boring again." This is just one example of his wit, his sense of humor, and I believe indicative of the servant's spirit that he carried as a local elected official.

Anthony was a graduate of Millersville University and the Penn Manor School District. He is survived by his wife, Katelyn; his parents; and his sisters.

My condolences and prayers of comfort are with the Cazillo family, his friends, and all those who grieve for Anthony.

I was really thankful to have gotten to know him in recent years. We certainly wished that Anthony could have been with all of us longer, but we do

give thanks for the time spent with him.

UTZ'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an iconic business and household brand name from Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District.

Utz Brands of Hanover—the "Snack Food Capital of the World"—is celebrating its 100th year in business and now has the fifth generation of family members as part of the company.

Founded as Hanover Home Brand Potato Chips by Bill and Salie Utz in 1921 with just \$300, the company used hand-operated equipment to produce up to 50 pounds of potato chips per hour from their home.

Quickly outgrowing the volume they were able to produce from their home, the company changed its name to Utz Potato Chip Company and purchased land to build their first factory on Carlisle Street in Hanover in 1947.

Fifty pounds of potato chips per hour in 1921 has grown to 5.5 million pounds of snacks produced each week. Utz Brand operates 15 factories in the United States, generating over \$1 billion in sales annually. The company's headquarters and six manufacturing facilities, as well as 1,800 employees who staff those facilities, call Pennsylvania's 11th District home.

Utz is certainly one of the key families and companies that have earned Hanover the moniker of the "Snack Food Capital of the World." They have made an extraordinary impact on the community that I represent through their business and charitable efforts.

I want to congratulate them on this remarkable milestone of 100 years in business and wish them continued success in the next century as well.

EIGHTEEN DAYS FOR H.R. 18

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of life and our Nation's unborn children.

For over 40 years, the Hyde amendment has kept taxpayer money from funding abortions, and it is estimated to have saved at least 2.4 million lives.

Polling consistently shows that a majority of Americans oppose being forced to pay for abortions with their tax money. This is something that we all should be able to agree on. However, House Democrats recently passed a spending bill for the Department of Health and Human Services that, for the first time since 1976, does not include the Hyde amendment.

H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, would make the prohibition against Federal funding for abortions permanent and government-wide.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means and the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 18.

Life is a precious gift, and we must do all that we can to ensure that we defend the unborn who have no voice to speak for themselves.